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HISTORY
OF
WAGAMAN FAMILY
AND
ASSOCIATION
WAGAMAN REUNION ASSOCIATION

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WAGAMAN REUNION ASSOCIATION

The Wagaman Reunion Association was organized at the First Annual Reunion of the Wagaman family held at Gettysburg, Pa., on June 21st and 22nd, 1929. This Association was formed for the purpose of perpetuating the name of JOHN PHILIP WAGAMAN, a German Pioneer, who landed in Philadelphia on September 1, 1736. A full record of the proceedings is on file with the Association Secretary, Miss Ada B. Bittner of Syracuse, New York, and is available upon request to those who are interested.

Much time and labor was expended by Mr. William H. Hall of Syracuse, New York, in tracing the lineage and locating the present living members of this large family. At the first meeting the Association was organized and officers elected. Annual meetings have been held at different places since that date.

In looking over the minutes of the first meeting, one is amazed at the number of those, who took an active part in the proceedings, who have passed on. Among the prominent participants in the first program were: Mr. William H. Hall of Syracuse, N. Y.; Mr. Francis Marion Waugaman of Harrison City, Pa.; Dr. Samuel Wagerman of Hagerstown, Md.; Rev. Samuel U. Waugaman of Osterburg, Pa., and Dr. William H. Waugaman of Turtle Creek, Pa. These men were all present at the first annual reunion and we miss them now.

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A list of the dates, places, and presidents of the Association is interesting:

Date	Place	President
1929	Gettysburg, Pa.	Mr. William H. Hall in charge
1930	Oakford Park Jeannette, Pa.	Mr. Francis Marion Waugaman Harrison City, Pa.
1931	Edgewood Park Somerset, Pa.	Dr. Samuel M. Wagerman Hagerstown, Maryland
1932	"	Mr. George W. Waugaman Jeannette, Pa., R. F. D.
1933	"	Dr. W. H. Waugaman Turtle Creek, Pa.
1934	"	Mr. George W. Waugaman Jeannette, Pa., R. F. D.
1935	"	Mr. George A. Waganan Myersdale, Pa.
1936	Williams Grove Mechanicsburg, Pa.	Dr. S. E. Waganan Chambersburg, Pa.
1937	Gettysburg, Pa.	Mr. Samuel Waganan Hanover, Pa.
1938	Mt. Alton Chambersburg, Pa.	Mr. Samuel Waganan Hanover, Pa.
1939	Mt. Odin Park Greensburg, Pa.	Mr. Samuel Waganan Hanover, Pa.

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Like many of the early German pioneers who came to Pennsylvania between the years 1727 and 1808, the record of the past history of John Philip Wagaman is not definitely known. So far as we have been able to gather, at the present time, prior to his landing in Philadelphia on September 1st, 1736, we have very little record. Perhaps as we study the history of these early German pioneers more data will be secured that will help in establishing his past history. Fortunately the records of the landings of these Germans at Philadelphia have been preserved and their declarations are on file in the State Library at Harrisburg, Pa., as herein-after referred to.

From an address given by Dr. Samuel M. Wagaman of Hagerstown, Maryland, a past president of the Wagaman Reunion Association, at the funeral of Mr. William H. Hall, as reported in the Meyersdale Republican of October 8th, 1931, we quote the following facts:

"Four hundred years ago, in October, 1531, mortally wounded, a martyr to his religious beliefs, Ulric Zwingli exclaimed as he lay dying on the battlefield at Kappel, Switzerland. "They may kill the body but not the soul." It was this invincible spirit of that man, his example and his precepts--it was the undying soul of Zwingli which determined the events which bring us together today."

"The spirit of Ulric Zwingli was caught up by his disciples and his successors in the Reformation and in 1620 we find Ulric Wagaman, a devoted follower, at work in Zurich preaching the gospel as expounded by Zwingli, in the very cannon, if, indeed not in the very parish which was the scene of the labors of Zwingli in the years immediately preceding his going forth to the battlefield of Kappel."

"Ulric Wagaman, a pastor of the Reformed congregation in Zurich, was, as far as can be authenticated by recorded narrative, the ancestor of John Philip Wagaman who was born in the Palatinate country in 1717, and at the age of nineteen left his native land to seek religious freedom and civil liberty in the New World. He landed in Philadelphia in 1736 and sought out the fertile lands in the interior of Penn's Forest where he established his home and his family."

"Into this family were born seven sons; as to daughters, we are not reliably informed. At least four of these sons fought with the Continental Army in the Revolutionary War and survived the hazards of the battlefield. Fired with the spirit of independence for the establishment of which they had undergone many privations and hardships, urged by the love of adventure which had been awakened by their contacts in the army, spurred on by the sense of a rightful matrimony to a part of this new country whose freedom from foreign rule they had contributed so much to acquire, soon after their return from the army at the end of the war they set out from home to seek their fortunes and establish homes for themselves."

"Two of these sons came to Western Pennsylvania and became the progenitors of the two large families of Wagemans and their descendants west of the Alleghenies. Other sons went into different parts of the Eastern portion of the State and one down into Maryland. From these secondary points of migration, representatives of these seven sons have gone to all parts of the country. Thus the family of John Philip Wagaman in those early days was scattered over the land."

"Separated by almost trackless forests and the inevitable oblivion of time, families and even the names of families were forgotten and for more than 125 years lived and died in almost complete ignorance of the existence of one another."

WOGAMAN -- WAGEMAN -- WAGERMAN

Rupp's Collection of "Thirty Thousand Names" list the following:

John Philip Wageman, aged 23 years, ship Harle, September 1, 1736.
Tobias Wagheman, ship Bolander Vernon, August 1, 1747.
Michael Wagenman, ship Anderson, August 21, 1750
Gottlieb Wagman, ship Edinburg, September 16, 1751.
Jacob Wegman (one list gives it as Wagman) ship Francis and Elizaboth,
aged 28 years, August 30, 1743.

From a sketch prepared by Mr. Ezra W. Kuhn of the Legal Department of The National Cash Register Company, Dayton, Ohio, we quote the following items:

"John Philip Wageman is the only person in the above list who can be definitely traced. This person was born in 1713 and died about 1773. He settled in Weisenberg Township, then Bucks, later Northampton and what is now Lehigh County, Pa., and became a substantial land owner. His wife's name was Susannah and she died in 1775. The will of John Philip, probated in Northampton County, refers to seven children, without naming them. It is definitely known that he had four sons, one of them Nicholas dying in early manhood. This son, with his brother Peter, was confirmed in the Tohicken Reformed Church of Bucks County in 1758. Peter, in 1764, enlisted in a Provincial Regiment but seems to have fallen by the wayside before the expiration of his term of enlistment. He died in Albany Township, Berks County, Pennsylvania, and his estate was settled in that county. His descendants are probably known, at least, in part today. John moved to Westmoreland County about 1791 (he still lived in Berks at the taking of the 1790 census.) His descendants are known today. Philip, the other son, served from Northampton County in the militia during the Revolution, was found in Albany Township, Berks County as late as 1785, after which he passes from the records. John also served in the Northampton County militia during the Revolution.

As to the son Philip, claims are made that he migrated to Bedford County and became the progenitor of the family of Wagermans to be found in that part of Bedford County which later became Somerset. However, another Philip (spelled Wagerman) is found in Cumberland County, later Franklin County, as early as 1778. (Antrim Township) where there is also listed in tax returns a Jacob and a Casper Wagerman. The Philip of Cumberland County was born according to well attested records on August 5, 1744, and was the direct ancestor of Mr. William H. Hall, Miss Ada B. Bittner, and many others who attend the annual reunions."

From a recent letter received from Mr. Richard D. Minnich, Librarian of the Easton Public Library of Easton, Pa., we quote the following:

"We have searched our index file for the name of John Philip Wageman. The nearest approach to this name that we were able to find was a will of Philip Waggoman of Weissenburg Township. The inventory of this will was made on May 27th, 1773. There is also a will of Susanna, his wife. In our records, this name is spelled as above and also as Waggonman.

SPELLING OF THE NAME

The spelling of the name Wagaman or Waugaman has caused considerable discussion at the annual reunions and it is difficult to determine just how the different spellings were arrived at. We have found it spelled many different ways on the court records and in the papers. Among the various ways are the following: Wagaman, Wagerman, Waggerman, Wagonan, Waugaman, Waugoman, Waughman, Waugherman, Waugoman.

This variation was difficult to explain and hard to understand and can be best illustrated in the name of the son of the pioneer, who came to Westmoreland County. When he bought his farm in 1809, he took title as John Waggoman and when he died in 1822, his estate is indexed and the papers are issued in the name of John Wagaman, and one of his sons signs his name as Peter Waugaman. His tombstone in Denmark-Manor Cemetery is inscribed, "In Memory of John Waugaman, Sr., who departed this life Dec. 28th. 1822, aged 84 years, 8 mo. 26 days." There are other spellings of the name on the records of Westmoreland County, but the person in question, by the facts shows himself to be a descendant of the John Wagaman, the Westmoreland County Pioneer.

It can all be traced back to the original spelling by the original pioneer, John Philip Wagaman. When he landed in Philadelphia on September 1st, 1736, he had to sign two declarations, one of allegiance and one of abjuration. Fortunately these original declarations have been preserved and are now on file in Harrisburg, Pa., a photostatic copy of the same can be obtained from Curtis W. Carrisson, Archivist, State Library, Harrisburg, Pa., for a small fee depending upon what you want, from 50¢ to \$1.00. Here the original signature is on file and a copy of the whole declaration can be obtained by asking for a list of the Palatinates on the ship Harle, arriving September 1st, 1736.

If you do not desire to send for a photostatic copy you can see a plate made from a photostatic copy in most any public library in a set of books known as the Pennsylvania German Pioneers, being a publication of the original list of arrivals in the Port of Philadelphia from 1727 to 1808 by Ralph Beaver Strassburger, L. L. D., President of The Pennsylvania German Society.

We were under the impression that all the Wagamans in this country descended from this original John Philip Wagaman, but as we have been working out the details, we are lead to believe that there were other Wagamans who did not land at Philadelphia, and whose names are not included in the 30,000 names.

A recent letter from Mr. Ezra M. Kuhns of the Legal Department of The National Cash Register Co., of Dayton, Ohio, states that he is interested in a line of Christian Martin Wagonan, who was a taxpayer in Chester County early in 1734.

Another letter from Mr. Thos. E. Waggoman, Marshall of the United States Supreme Court, Washington, D. C. states that his immigrant ancestor describes himself as "Hendrick Wagerman, by nation, a Dutchman of ye city of Amsterdam."

In the declaration above referred to, the name in German is as follows:

Wagaman (Wagaman)

Record of John Waugaman Sr., the Pioneer in Westmoreland County

The first record we find of John Waugaman, Sr., (Waggoman) in Westmoreland County is when George Ament and Elizaboth Ament, his wife, (she appears to have been a daughter of John Waugaman) by deed dated the 28th day of June, 1809 and recorded in Westmoreland County in Deed Book, Vol..8, page 433 for a consideration of 400 pounds, lawful money of Pennsylvania, conveyed a farm of 100 acres to John Waggoman. We have not located the farm at the present writing but the deed recites that it was the same land conveyed by Peter Neily and wife to George Ament.

John Waugaman, Sr., (formerly spelled Waggoman) died about December 28th, 1822 and left no will but Letters of Administration on his estate were on the 4th day of January, 1823, granted to George Keck and Michael Fink, they having given bond in the sum of \$800.00 for the faithful performance of their duties. This bond is signed by George Keck, Michael Fink, Peter Waugaman and Samuel Portzer. Here the name is signed Peter Waugaman, the first spelling, in this manner, on the record, although the court records give the estate as John Wagaman. There is no total of the Inventory and Appraisement, but the sale of the personal property amounted to \$477.67 $\frac{1}{4}$.

At the sale of his personal property, we find several interesting items which show the range of prices at that time. Among the numerous items sold on the 21st day of January, 1823, we find, Reefel sold to Jacob Waugaman for \$20.00; 25 pounds pork sold to Daniel Zimmerman at 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ cents a pound; Bible sold to Michael Blose for \$6.75; one ton hay sold to Michael McQuaide for \$6.32; black mare sold to James Torrens for \$16.00; one cow sold to Daniel Snyder for \$11.15; ten bushel corn sold to Samuel Walder at 35 cents a bushel; five bushels buckwheat sold to George Berlin at 40 cents a bushel; twenty-five bushels oats sold to George Blose at 61 cents.

In the receipts filed by the administrators in court, we find, among others, the following items:

George Ament (estate John Waggaman) a balance of the last sale of the land which said Ament sold to said Waggaman, \$10.00 interest from 24th September, 1814, the time when Waggaman and Ament settled and there was left due \$5.25, interest 50 cents, total \$15.75.

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Daniel Potts 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ days mowing in year 1821, at 40 cents a day.

December 26, _____, paid John Waggaman to John Cochran, to one dollar of money returned which said Waggaman gave said Cochran and turned out not to be good \$1.00.

December 26th, 1823, received of the Adm'r of the estate of John Waggaman, rec'd the sum of \$4.77 for 14 gallons of whiskey for Vendue Licker, of said decedent, Robert W. McMahon.

September 3, 1823; received of Michael Find, Adm'r of John Waggaman, \$8.00 in full for coffin for said decedent, John Reed.

In the estate of Boaz Walton, who died in 1823, and who is buried near the grave of John Waugaman, Sr., we find the following receipts:

From J. H. L. Keepers, \$1.00 for funeral, Dutch Reformed Prediger.

From James Shaw \$8.00 for pair of gravestones.

From David Croockshanks \$6.00 for filling in grave of Boaz Walton Sr.

REVOLUTIONARY WAR RECORD

William Wagaman served in Capt. Martin Huey's Company, 1st Battalion, Lancaster County, and his service is recorded in the Pennsylvania Archives, 5th Series, Vol. 7, Page 80.

Philip Wagaman served in Jacob Ladick's Company in Berks County, and his service is recorded in Pennsylvania Archives, 5th Series, Vol. 5, Page 279.

Jacob Wagaman served in the Revolutionary Army but we do not have the record of his service at this time.

John Wagaman served in the 4th Company, (General Muster Roll,) 3rd Battalion, Northampton County, Militia Drum and Fife Corp, and his service is recorded in Pennsylvania Archives, 5th Series, Vol. 8, Page 232.

This John Wagaman is the pioneer who came to Westmoreland County and died here in 1922 and is buried in Denmark-Manor Cemetery near Harrison City, Pa. His record has been proven and is on file in the Archives of the Daughters of the American Revolution and the lineage of one of his descendants has been filed at National Number 259,763 at Washington, D. C.

Descendants of John Philip Wagaman, the Pioneer

1. Philip, a son, was in the Revolutionary Army and afterwards settled in Bedford County, Pa.
2. Jacob, a son, was in the Revolutionary Army and afterwards settled in Cumberland County, Pa.
3. John, a son, was in the Revolutionary Army and afterwards settled in Westmoreland County, Pa.
4. William, a son, was in the Revolutionary Army and afterwards settled in Franklin County, Pa.
5. George or Peter remarried in Adams County.
6. Christian, no record as to his whereabouts.
7. Casper, no record as to his whereabouts.
8. It is thought there was one daughter, but there is no record.

John Waugaman

John Wagaman (Waugaman) son of John Philip Wagaman was born April 21, 1756 and died December 28, 1822, aged 66 years, 8 months, 7 days. He was married to Anna Elizabeth Hall who was born July 1, 1752 and died May 5, 1840, aged 87 years, 10 months, 4 days. They had the following children:

1. George married Catherine Larimer.
2. Peter married Rachel Walton (Daughter of Boaz Walton)
3. Sarah married Michael Blose, settled near Kittanning.
4. John married Elizabeth Frantz, moved to Blairsville.
5. Philip married Catherine Fink, settled in Beaver Run.
6. Rebecca married David Zimmerman, settled near Leechburg.
7. Jacob married Polly Martz.

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